

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN JEFFERY HUGHLEY'S INDUCTION INTO THE BLACK ACHIEVERS SOCIETY OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is with immense pride that I rise today to recognize and celebrate the induction of Captain Jeffery Hughley into the Black Achievers Society of Greater Kansas City. A distinguished police officer, non-profit board member, and Senior Advisor at the Environmental Protection Agency, it seems there is nothing that Captain Hughley cannot accomplish. He has served the Kansas City community in more ways than one and truly embodies the mission of the Black Achievers Society.

Captain Hughley started as a police officer for KCPD's Central Patrol Division in 2005 and quickly rose through the ranks. Spending his days working tirelessly to ensure a safe environment for those around him, even when that meant putting his own life at risk, Captain Hughley's exemplary record and dedication to the people of Kansas City did not go unnoticed. He served as a Detective in the Street Crimes Unit, supervised and mentored new officers as a Sergeant, and eventually achieved the rank of Captain, providing leadership and oversight to the East Patrol Division & Detention Services Unit. Throughout his career, Captain Hughley also provided protection to elected officials and local leaders, ensuring their safety during important events and gatherings. In addition to his official duties as a law enforcement officer, Captain Hughley served nearly five years as an Executive Board Member of the Kansas City Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 99, fostering a strong sense of unity and comradery between officers. His service to our city has proven invaluable and we continue to express our endless gratitude.

While protecting and serving your community for over 15 years is remarkable in and of itself, Captain Hughley continues to go above and beyond the call of duty. Appointed by Governor Jay Nixon, he served as Commissioner of the Missouri Peace Officers Standards & Training Commission from 2015 until 2019. A delegation created to analyze the current training practices of law enforcement in hopes of creating better outcomes for both officers and those they serve, the Commission eventually increased continuing education programs and the training required for police officers throughout the State of Missouri. Under Captain Hughley's leadership, the Commission emphasized implicit bias training and de-escalation techniques in order to make policing more fair and just. His continued focus on uplifting the underprivileged led him to becoming a Board Member of Reconciliation Services, a non-profit organization that strategically addresses community needs through increased

social and mental health services. Guided by the Biblical command to "love thy neighbor," Captain Hughley helps address the issues facing families in the urban core through his work with Reconciliation Services.

Having already obtained a degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Arkansas Grantham, Captain Hughley felt compelled to return to school. Applying his exceptional leadership experience to his coursework, Captain Hughley received an Executive Master of Business Administration from Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri. He has used the knowledge gained from this program in his work both as a police officer and in his current position as Senior Advisor to the Regional Administrator at the Environmental Protection Agency. Captain Hughley masterfully employs his extensive education, professional experience, and institutional knowledge as he continues to support and serve the Kansas City community. We are extremely lucky to have such a kind and generous soul working to make our city the best that it can be.

The Black Achievers Society of Greater Kansas City is an acclaimed, respected, and exclusive institution. I founded this organization in 1974 with the goal of recognizing companies that demonstrated leadership in the areas of diversity and inclusion. Today, nearly 50 years later, the Black Achievers Society's mission is to respond to the multifaceted needs of the community by providing role models for Black and minority youth. Membership in the Society is reserved for African American professionals who have been nominated for their leadership, achievements, and community involvement. Having known him personally for many years and having seen the impact his work has made in the lives of others, it was with great joy that I nominated Captain Hughley for admission into the Society. Being inducted as a member is a great honor and momentous occasion. I believe I speak for all Kansas Citians when I say that Captain Hughley is deeply deserving of this induction. I look forward to seeing all that he accomplishes and wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

Captain Hughley represents the best in all of us. His care and compassion for those with whom he serves shines through in all that he does, and it is my privilege to recognize Captain Hughley's devotion to the people of Kansas City. Madam Speaker, please join me and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in celebrating Captain Jeffery Hughley's induction into the Black Achievers Society of Greater Kansas City. Our neighborhoods are safer, stronger, and better places to raise families because of Captain Hughley. Let us look to Captain Hughley as an example and live as stewards of our communities, just as he has.

COMMEMORATING BRUCE CUNNINGHAM

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MFUME. Madam Speaker, from a very young age, this person for whom I stand today was into all kinds of athletic games. Not just one kind of sport but every sport and every kind of athlete. So, talking about it came naturally. He asked, why should I not make this a career?

In Baltimore there is a gritty loyalty to its sports teams and its heroes. Over the span of four decades, one man has talked about and reported on two Super Bowl champion teams, the most decorated Olympian of all time and various stars in the athletic firmament from the greater Baltimore region with a gusto unmatched or unequaled by anyone. He has made everyday people feel like they were a part of the story, and so I am pleased today to enter into the RECORD my recognition for distinguished sportscaster and storyteller, Mr. Bruce Cunningham, who has recently retired from WBFF Fox 45 TV news in Baltimore.

Many Ravens fans know only one voice as the straightforward announcer and analyst of the NFL team's home games. Michael Phelps' exploits were told true and writ large over the TV screens of viewers young and old, proud of their hometown hero bringing gold medal after gold medal home for swimming. Whether it was the Orioles after a come-from-behind win or a heartbreaking loss, or Navy football celebrating a win over Army, Bruce was sure to tell the story with imagination, spirit, and Baltimore braggadocio.

I was Sports Unlimited, on Sunday nights, that was Bruce's hallmark. Since 1991, at its inception with Fox 45 in Baltimore, Bruce has been sharing his takes on everything from MLB to the Baltimore Blast soccer team to Maryland and Johns Hopkins lacrosse. He was there for the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship the University of Maryland brought home. He saluted Coach Brenda Frese's Lady Terrapins NCAA Championship in basketball. He also talked golf, tennis and other sports like boxing and horseracing, and he was there at Pimlico for eventual Triple Crown winner, American Pharoah in 2015.

There is something intangible about sports which unites a city, and Bruce Cunningham made that part of his many broadcasts. Ranging from the intensity of Baltimore in the Ravens' Ray Lewis and the Orioles' Cal Ripken, Jr. to the lesser-known stories in Maryland like Tamir Goldman of the Talmudical Academy in Baltimore, dubbed the "Jewish Jordan" for his basketball abilities, or Helen Maroulis, the two-time bronze medal-winner in women's wrestling at the Olympics from Rockville, Bruce has covered it all with the spirit and grit of Baltimore and a love for our state of Maryland not many could match.

Now that he has decided to lead a "normal life" and "get home before midnight on Sundays" as he puts it, our city will not have that

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voice which closed off our weekends with highlights, insights, and the sports stories which not only gave us the score but let us in on so much more: a look at the athletes and a look at ourselves. I thank Bruce Cunningham for all the memories, as our grateful city and state will miss him dearly.

HONORING NATIONAL CENTER FOR FAMILIES LEARNING PRESIDENT SHARON DARLING ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sharon Darling, President and Founder of the National Center for Families Learning and former Kentucky Director of Adult and Community Education, as she begins her well-earned and much-deserved retirement after years of dedication to the advancement of education policy and family literacy.

For decades, Sharon has served as a national leader in family learning, making NCFL a go-to resource for all who are working to make adult literacy not only a priority, but a powerful tool for breaking the cycles of poverty that limit far too many families. Without her pioneering work, the very definition of family literacy that our federal government relies on to steer the policies that help countless Americans would not exist. It is not an exaggeration to say that Sharon Darling helped write the lesson plan for America's comprehensive approach to intergenerational learning, because that's exactly what she did.

Her day-to-day presence will be sorely missed by her colleagues and all whose lives she has touched, but I'm thrilled to know that Sharon is staying on to serve as an active member of NCFL's Board of Directors and will continue to support the organization in a variety of ways. Even in retirement, she will help continue the success of NCFL in the years ahead as they continue under the leadership of Dr. Felicia C. Smith.

When asked about her upcoming retirement, Sharon said, "Never did I expect my life to unfold how it has, but each day I am grateful to all those who believe in the tremendous power of multigenerational learning." On behalf of the people of Kentucky's Third Congressional District and all who know Sharon Darling, let me say that we are all incredibly grateful that her life unfolded as it did, and that millions of Americans—including the more than 4.5 million parents and children across the 150 communities in 39 states and Washington, D.C. served by NCFL—are all better for her life's work.

I thank Sharon for her selfless dedication to improving the lives of others through learning. I wish her nothing but the best in her retirement.

TRIBUTE TO LAWANDA LYONS-PRUITT—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt of Santa Maria, California.

A longtime resident of Santa Maria, Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt has been a leader on behalf of communities of color in Santa Maria and Lompoc for over two decades.

Lawanda has been the President of the Santa Maria-Lompoc NAACP chapter for more than 14 years. Inspired by her early childhood experiences in segregated Mississippi before eventually moving to Santa Maria after high school, Lawanda has long served as a record-keeper for Black families in the area and organizer of community events that emphasize the importance of honoring Black history.

In her longstanding commitment to resolving racial injustice like she experienced as a child, Lawanda worked in the Santa Barbara County Public Defender's Office for over three decades. After earning her degree in criminology from Cal State Long Beach, Lawanda became an investigator for the Public Defender's Office in 1984. Eleven years later, she was named the department's Chief Investigator, making her the first African American woman in California to serve in that position. Lawanda made a career of treating people with compassion and respect, working to ensure that each defendant received their constitutional right to a good defense.

Where Lawanda sees a need, she takes action. After the murder of George Floyd, she used her position on the Santa Maria Police Department's police advisory board to call for the creation of a civilian review board to investigate officers accused of abuse and help rebuild trust between the police and community.

With the many daunting challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, her leadership has guided many in the community to safely face those challenges. In the destructive wake of COVID-19, Lawanda became a trusted source for information about the virus and the vaccine. She is a strong advocate for COVID-19 vaccination within the BIPOC community, taking the time to talk through questions and fears, helping to ease vaccine hesitancy and encourage individuals to protect themselves and those around them. She gives so much of her time, energy, and resources to serve our community.

Lawanda's openness and commitment to her community is a testament to her selflessness. She is a worthy candidate for this honor and a role model for community leaders of all kinds.

I am honored to recognize Lawanda for her continued commitment to uplifting and advocating for Black communities across the Central Coast. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Lawanda

Lyons-Pruitt, for her incredible service to her community.

HONORING DAVID McBRIDE'S SERVICE TO THE NASA ARMSTRONG FLIGHT RESEARCH CENTER

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Armstrong Flight Research Center, David McBride, on his retirement after many years of service to the scientific community.

Pursuing his passion for aeronautics research, David kicked off his career with NASA as a cooperative education student in 1982. Specializing in digital flight control systems analysis, he explored the way in which aircraft perform under an array of flight test conditions. Wanting to continue his interest in the field, David received both an undergraduate and graduate degree from the University of New Mexico, earning his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1985 and Executive Master of Business Administration in 1998.

Upon graduation, David climbed the ranks at NASA Armstrong, eventually becoming Program Manager for the Flight Research Program, as well as Deputy Center Director and Associate Director for Programs and Projects. In these roles, David was integral in the study, development, and testing of groundbreaking technologies, including the Intelligent Flight Control System, X-53 Active Aeroelastic Wing flight research project, and solar-powered Helios aircraft.

In 2010, David was appointed Director of the Armstrong Flight Research Center, formerly the Hugh L. Dryden Flight Research Center. Under his leadership, NASA Armstrong remained the premier research center for aeronautics in the United States. In fact, NASA Armstrong conducted critical flight development tests over the years, including the notable testing of the X-48B/C hybrid wing body experimental aircraft and the testing of NASA Orion's launch and abort systems. Additionally, during David's tenure as Director, NASA Armstrong's Boeing 747SP SOFIA (Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy) project became fully operational—a feat that has allowed our nation's foremost scientists to further our nation's scientific understanding.

Throughout his career, David has devoted himself to exploring new frontiers and building upon NASA Armstrong's proud legacy of scientific discovery. Though he will be greatly missed at the Armstrong Flight Research Center, I am confident David will continue to be a force in the world of scientific development. On behalf of the 23rd Congressional District of California, I would like to thank David for his service to our community, and I wish him and his family the very best as they enter this new chapter of their lives.